

Remarks

Applicants have carefully reviewed this Application in light of the Office Action sent 11 July 2008. To expedite issuance of a patent from this Application, Applicant has made clarifying amendments to independent Claim 28. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and allow all pending claims.

Claims 28-29 are Definite

The Examiner rejects Claims 28-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, para. 2, as being indefinite. To expedite issuance of a patent from this Application, Applicants have made clarifying amendments to independent Claim 28. Dependent Claim 29 depends on independent Claim 28.

The Examiner asks, "In line 7 six motherboards are introduced and then in line 8 'the second motherboard' is referenced. Which motherboard of the six is being referenced?" Applicants respectfully submit that each one of the *six second motherboards* comprises *at least two second processors integrated onto* it and *a second switch integrated onto* it, as independent Claim 28 recites. Similarly, each one of the *five third motherboards* comprises *at least two third processors integrated onto* it and *a third switch integrated onto* it, as independent Claim 28 recites.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 28-29.

**Independent Claims 1, 9, and 21 are Allowable Over
the Proposed Modification of Karpoff**

The Examiner rejects independent Claims 1, 9, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0049740 by Karpoff ("*Karpoff*"). Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner, to expedite issuance of a patent from this Application, Applicants have made clarifying amendments to

independent Claims 1, 9, and 21. Independent Claims 1, 9, and 21, as amended, recite limitations similar to those recited by independent Claim 28, as amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of independent Claims 1, 9, and 21 and all their dependent claims.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow all pending claims.

If a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application, the Examiner may call Travis W. Thomas, undersigned, at 650.739.7503.

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